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1.  Preliminary Statements
2.  FORMS PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly FORM PTO-1449)
3.  Statement as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publications
4.  Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted
5.  Cumulative Patents or Publications
6.  Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement
7.  Concise Explanation of Non-English Language Listed Information Items
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  - 7B.  English Language Version of EPO Search Report
8.  Translation(s) of Non-English Language Documents
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**Section 1. Preliminary statements**

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information, of which they are aware that they believe may be material to the examination of this application, and in respect of which, there may be a duty to disclose.

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This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application SN.: 0 09 / 781,656 , filed on February 12, 2001 (date).

(complete the following, if applicable)

This application also relies, under 35 U.S.C. 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application SN.: 0 / , filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

The following references were submitted to, and/or cited by, the Office in the prior application(s) and, therefore, are not required to be provided in this application:

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